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Local Health Departments

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NOTE:

Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization and other appropriate staff are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Healthy Start Procedure Code Changes

Effective February 1, 2004, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program will change the Healthy Start procedure codes.

The Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires providers to use nationally recognized procedure codes when billing for health care services. Currently, providers are using procedure codes established by Maryland Medical Assistance.

For dates of service on or after February 1, 2004, claims should be submitted with the procedure codes listed below. The fees for Healthy Start services will not change at this time.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

- ◆ For Healthy Start services rendered **prior to February 1, 2004**, bill using the current procedure codes (W1930, W1931, W1932, W1933, W1934, W1935, or W9097) **regardless of when the claims are submitted for payment.**
- ◆ For dates of service on or after February 1, 2004, Local Health Department will only use three national procedure codes to bill Medical Assistance for Healthy Start services. These national codes are:
 - H1001 (Prenatal Care, At-Risk Enhanced Service; Ante Partum Management)
 - H1002 (Prenatal Care At-Risk Enriched Service; Care Coordination)
 - H1004 (Prenatal Care At-Risk enhanced service; follow-up home visit)



- ◆ The **same codes** are being used for Healthy Start case management for pregnant women and children. The **national procedure code modifier “TH” will be used to differentiate pregnant women from children.** You will be required to use a special modifier TH when billing for a Prenatal Service and the Postpartum Service.
- ◆ The **same codes** are being used for Healthy Start home-based and face-to-face visits. A place of service code must be used. For a **clinic visit, use either the Place of Service code 71 or the Place of Service code 11.** For a **home-based visit, use the Place of Service code 12.** In order to get the higher payment for a home-based visit, the place of service code must be 12.
- ◆ Your reimbursement will be based on a combination of the Procedure Code, Modifier, and Place of Service Code.

Healthy Start Procedure Code Changes

Current Code	For dates of service on or after 2/1/2004, reimbursement will be based on these three fields:			Service	Fee
	Procedure Code	Modifier	Place of Service Code		
W1930	H1001	TH	12	<u>Healthy Start Home Based Assessment /Case Management</u>	\$150
W1931	H1001	TH	71 or 11	<u>Healthy Start Prenatal Face-to-Face Assessment /Case Management</u>	\$100
W1932	H1002	TH	71 or 11	<u>Healthy Start Prenatal Ongoing Case Management</u>	\$50
W1933	H1001	<i>None</i>	12	<u>Healthy Start Child 0-2 Home Based Assessment/ Case Management</u>	\$150
W1934	H1001	<i>None</i>	71 or 11	<u>Healthy Start Child 0-2 Face-to-Face Assessment/ Case Management</u>	\$100
W1935	H1002	<i>None</i>	71 or 11	<u>Healthy Start Child 0-2 ongoing Case Management</u>	\$50
W9097	H1004	TH	12	Postpartum	\$150

Examples:

Example#1 – A Local Health Department submits a claim in March 2004 for Healthy Start Prenatal Ongoing Case Management rendered in November 2003. The Local Health Department will bill using only procedure code **W1932**.

Example#2 – A Local Health Department submits a claim in March 2004 for Healthy Start Prenatal Ongoing Case Management rendered in February 2003. The Local Health Department will bill using only procedure code **H1002** with modifier **TH** and Place of Service **71**.

Please call the Nurse Consultants in the Division of Outreach and Care Coordination at 410-767-6750 with any questions.